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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - US/UK AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS--APRIL 11-14

1. FOUR PLENARY SESSIONS APRIL 11-14 FOCUSED ON ROUTES
BETWEEN UK CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES--MOST OF WHICH ARE SLATED
FOR INDEPENDENCE IN NEAR FUTURE--AND THE US. UKDEL WAS
AUGMENTED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UK CARIBBEAN TERRI-
TORIES MANY OF WHOM WERE VERY SENIOR OFFICIALS.

2. UKDEL TABLED AN EXTRAVAGANT AND UNREALISTIC ROUTE
PROPOSAL ON APRIL 11 COUPLED WITH A PITCH, CLEARLY DESIGNED
FOR BENEFIT OF CARIBBEAN REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE US MAKE
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GENEROUS ROUTE CONCESSIONS TO THE CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES
AND BY DOING SO TO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
UK PROPOSAL WOULD GIVE UK AIRLINES ACCESS TO 17 US CITIES,
BEYOND RIGHTS TO CANADA, AND BEHIND RIGHTS TO OTHER
CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN POINTS. THERE
WAS CONSIDERABLE UK BOMBAST IN ENSUING SESSIONS TO EFFECT
US HAD DUTY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS AND THAT CONCESSIONS WERE

DE MINIMUS SINCE UK CARIBBEAN LOCAL AIRLINES WOULD PROBABLY
NOT EXPLOIT THEM.

3. ON APRIL 14 USDEL PRESENTED A "BEST OFFER" COUNTER ROUTE
PROPOSAL, AS GENEROUS AS ANY US HAD GIVEN TO OTHER SMALL

COUNTRIES. US PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE CONCEDED THREE MAINLAND
US POINTS OF MIAMI, NEW ORLEANS AND TAMPA. ALTHOUGH A
CERTAIN AMOUNT OF GRANDSTANDING FOR CARIBBEAN REPRESENTA-
TIVES WAS TO BE EXPECTED, UKDEL REJECTED OFFER IN
UNNECESSARILY STRONG LANGUAGE, CHARACTERIZING US POSITION
AS "NEO-COLONIALIST."

4. UKDEL CHAIRMAN APOLOGIZED TO USDEL CHAIRMAN IN APRIL
15 TELCON FOR OFFENSIVENESS OF THIS REJECTION OF US OFFER
PREVIOUS DAY. HE THEN ASKED IF US WOULD CONCEDE AS
POINTS FOR UK MIAMI PLUS TWO OF THE FOLLOWING US CITIES:
NEW ORLEANS, HOUSTON, ATLANTA, NEW YORK. USDEL CHAIRMAN

SAID THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. IT WAS AGREED CARIBBEAN
ROUTES WOULD BE PUT ASIDE FOR MOMENT.

5. DISCUSSION OF US-BERMUDA ROUTES BEGIN APRIL 18.
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